

**441—202.11 (234) Services to the child.** The department service worker shall maintain a continuous relationship with the child.

**202.11(1)** The department service worker shall:

- a.* Help the child plan for the future,
- b.* Evaluate the child's needs and progress,
- c.* Supervise the living arrangement,
- d.* Arrange for social and other related services including, but not limited to, medical, psychiatric, psychological, and educational services from other resources as needed, and
- e.* Counsel the child in adjusting to the placement.

**202.11(2)** The assigned department service worker shall personally visit each child in out-of-home care at least once every calendar month, with the frequency of the visits based upon the needs of the child.

- a.* The visit shall take place in the child's place of residence the majority of the time.
- b.* The visit shall be of sufficient length to focus on issues pertinent to case planning. During the visit, the worker shall address the safety, permanency, and well-being of the child, including the child's needs, services to the child, and achievement of the case permanency plan goals.

**202.11(3)** When placement of a breastfeeding child is made, the service worker shall:

- a.* Assess in consultation with the worker's supervisor whether continued breastfeeding by the mother is in the best interest of the child;
- b.* Make every reasonable effort to support the mother's continued breastfeeding for the child if determined appropriate; and
- c.* Document the assessment and efforts in the child's case plan and case notes.

**202.11(4)** When a child is in continuous foster care, a new physical examination shall not be required when the child transfers from one foster care placement to another unless there is some indication that an examination is necessary. The service worker shall obtain from the health practitioner or practitioners an annual medical review of treatment the child has received.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 234.6(6) "b."

**202.11(5)** Throughout the provision of care, the foster care provider shall actively ensure that the child stays connected to the child's kin, culture, and community as documented in the child's case permanency plan.

**202.11(6)** When the child has reached the age of majority under state law, the department shall provide a free copy of the child's health and education records to the child when the child leaves foster care.